

REMARKS

Claims 1-78 are pending in the application prior to entering the amendment filed February 28, 2006 and prior to entering this supplemental amendment.

In the office action dated October 31, 2005, the examiner rejects claims 1-6, 33-39, 41-43, 45, 56-60, 62, 64-66, and 68 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yogeshwar et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,947,598). The examiner rejects claims 7-16, 40, 44, 61, 63, and 67 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being disclosed by Yogeshwar in view of well-known practices.

In the amendment filed February 28, the applicant cancels claims 17-32, 46-55, and 69-78, without prejudice, and amends claims 1, 4, 33, 36, 56, and 59.

Claims 1-16, 33-45 and 56-68 are pending in the application after entering the amendment filed February 28 and this supplemental amendment.

The applicant adds no new matter and requests reconsideration.

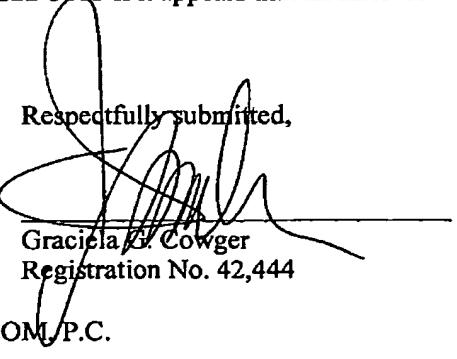
1.131 Declaration

The applicant submits a declaration under 1.131 to swear behind the Yogeshwar reference. The declaration and its accompanying exhibit establishes the conception and reduction to practice of the invention prior to Yogeshwar's effective date, together with continuous work on the invention from a date prior to the effective date, until the date of filing of the present application.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-16, 33-45, and 56-68 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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